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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This Office Action is responsive to communication filed on 06/02/2009.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

2. The proposed amendments to claims will not be entered because they would require further search and/or consideration. For example, claims 1, 15, and 17 now recite “content data including moving image data and audio data corresponding thereto, and said setting means reduces the audio data bit rate from an original audio data bit rate to a reduced audio data bit rate without reducing the moving image bit rate if a resulting original amount of data for original audio and moving image bit rates exceeds the capacity of the predetermined removable recording medium”. The previous underlined arrangements were not previously defined, thus making the amended claims more specific and necessitating further search/or consideration. Independent claims 1, 15 and 17 thus would require further search and/or consideration.

#### ***Conclusion***

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